

REMARKS:

Claims 20-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 first paragraph for being non-enabling for the articles outside the boundaries of the examples in the specification. The new amendment to Claim 20 limits the independent claim to the examples as defined by the thickness and density. Support for the thickness limitation can be found in Table III. Support for the density limitation can be found in Table IV. Because the specification teaches those examples, the specification is enabling within those limits.

Claims 21-27 are dependent claims and become enabled by the amendment to Claim 20. Claims 24-27 are particularly enabled as they introduce the limitation that the thermoplastic consist essentially of polyethylene terephthalate, the material used in the examples of the specification.

For the reasons delineated herein, the claims pending in the subject patent application are now enabled by the specification. It is now accordingly appropriate to allow the subject patent application and such an allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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